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Title: Apparatus and Method of Maintaining a Route Table

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A method of maintaining a route table in a routing device, the route table including a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the method comprising:  
    registering a given set of routes of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network;  
    determining if any of the routes in the given set of routes has changed; and  
    listing data identifying each route in the given set of routes that has been determined to be changed.

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12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for maintaining a route table in a routing device, the route table including a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the apparatus comprising:  
    a registration module that registers a given set of routes of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network;